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Act No. 68 (S.95). Crimes and criminal procedures; health

An act relating to sexual assault nurse examiners

This act makes a number of changes to the procedures for regulating sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) and the processes for obtaining and retaining forensic evidence collected after a sexual assault, including:

- Revises the duties of the SANE Board to an advisory capacity to the SANE Program and adds the Commissioner of Health as a member of the Board
- Directs the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems and the SANE Program to enter into an MOU to ensure improved access to sexual assault nurse examiners for victims in underserved regions
- Creates the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Study Committee for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive examination of issues related to sexual assault evidence kits (chain of custody, online tracking kits, transport, etc.)

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